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John Mannix Assistant Superintendent for Operations Monroe School District 200 E. Fremont Street Monroe, WA 98272

Subject:

Sky Valley Education Center PCB Testing and closed areas

Dear Mr. Mannix,

The Snohomish Health District has reviewed the most recently submitted test results as well as conferred with EPA and the Monroe School District today by phone. The conclusions reached includes that the most recent air testing for PCBs now verifies the following areas previously closed (see letter of March 1, 2017) are safe for occupancy by students. These areas include:

- Room F
- Gathering Place East
- Small Gym
- Girl's Locker room
- Girl's Locker room storage
- CTE room

Regarding the positive (detected) wipe samples for PCBs collected in the two electrical rooms, EPA indicates the levels are below cleanup/action levels. Additionally, you have indicated that these areas can be maintained secure from student access. Further, you agreed that no student related equipment or materials will be stored in these rooms and that you will be working with EPA on further evaluation and potential testing of theses spaces. It is expected that you keep the Snohomish Health District apprised of your efforts and actions with EPA.

Moving forward, the use of the facility is conditioned upon conformance with your plan to take a set of four (4) air samples – one per quarter – as specified in item #4 of the School District's Corrective Action Plan. The next scheduled sampling is set to take place during Spring Break in April. You are advised to notify the Snohomish Health District of the specific dates for testing, as we will look to make a site visit during this period. Further, you are directed to work closely with EPA to assure the contractor conducting the testing has established QA/QC and QAPP consistent with EPA expectations.

Upon receipt of the results of any future testing, you are to forward the data to the Snohomish Health District within one working day.

In the unexpected event the Monroe School District fails to conform to any portion of the corrective action plan or EPA stipulated requirements, and/or future test results indicate conditions that a health risk may exist, Snohomish Health District may alter our determination that the school can operate.

I thank you for your continued cooperation throughout this situation and appreciate the School District's ongoing commitment to student health and safety.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 425.339.8769.

Sincerely,

Kevin Plemel

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